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RESOLUTION

of the
ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
regarding

**SUPPORT FOR THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TRACK 2 APPLICATION FOR FUNDING
AMTRAK SERVICE BETWEEN
JACKSONVILLE AND MIAMI ON
FLORIDA'S EAST COAST RAILROAD
THROUGH THE HIGH SPEED INTERCITY
RAIL PROGRAM**

Resolution No. 2009-M-35

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, Barack Obama, proposes a bold vision to help address the nation's transportation challenges by investing in an efficient, high-speed passenger rail network; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, Ray LaHood; and Congressman John Mica and Congresswoman Corrine Brown are working in support of a High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) submitted a pre-application to the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund the development of Florida's High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System as outlined in the High-Speed Rail Strategic Plan published by the Federal Railroad Administration in April 2009; and

WHEREAS, improved passenger rail from Jacksonville to Miami will connect to South Florida's Tri-Rail system and will become an integral part of Florida's balanced transportation system; and

WHEREAS, concurrent development of improvements to other passenger rail and bus transit, will greatly enhance the mobility of the traveling public within the fourth most populous state in the union; and

WHEREAS, passenger service on the Florida East Coast corridor between Jacksonville and Miami was discontinued in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Orange County is committed to championing a multi-modal transportation system which will significantly enhance the quality of life and economic vitality of the Central Florida Region; and

WHEREAS, improving passenger rail between Jacksonville and Miami will support the effort of Governor Crist's Energy and Climate Change Action Plan, established by Executive Order 07-128, with ambitious goals for reducing statewide greenhouse gas emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida that:

Section 1. The Orange County Board of County Commissioners supports the Florida Department of Transportation's application for Track 2 funding within the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program for passenger service between Jacksonville and Miami on Florida's East Coast Railroad.

ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF AUGUST, 2009.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: David C. Heath Jr
Richard T. Crotty
Orange County Mayor

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: Martha O. Haynie
Deputy Clerk

